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SUBJECT: UK EXPORT OF IMACON 700 IMAGE CONVERTER CAMERA TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
REF:A. COCOM DOC (78) 319
OBJECT. THE IMACON IS AN ULTRA-HIGH SPEED IMAGE CONVERTER
CAMERA CAPABLE OF OPERATING IN BOTH MULTIPLE FRAMING AND
STREAK MODES. USE OF SUCH CAMERA SYSTEMS IN THE U.S. IS
PREDOMINANTLY MILITARY; IN WEAPONS LABORATORIES, TEST
RANGES, AND MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITIES. THE U.S. OBJECTED
TO THE EXPORT OF AN IMACON 790 IMAGE CONVERTER CAMERA,
COCOM DOC (77)523, TO THE SAME END USER FOR THE SAME INTENDED
USE AS IN SUBJECT CASE, SINCE THE CAMERA'S CAPABILITY OF 20
MILLION FRAMES PER SECOND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVE
FOR THE STATED USE. THE IMACON 700 HAS THE SAME
ESSENTIAL DESIGN CAPABILITY AND IS, THEREFORE, ALSO
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CONSIDERED TOO SOPHISTICATED FOR THAT SAME USE. CAMERAS OF
SIMILAR CAPABILITY ARE USED IN THE U.S. IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS
AND R & D PROGRAMS, AND IN TECHNOLOGY INVOLVING FIBRE OPTICS
FACE PLATES. FURTHERMORE, SINCE THESE CAMERA SYSTEMS ARE
PORTABLE, DIVERSION TO OTHER KINDS OF RESEARCH IS POSSIBLE
WITH MINIMUM EFFORT. THE U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY OBJECTED TO
RELEASING IMAGE CONVERTER CAMERAS TO EASTERN EUROPEAN AND

PRC DESTINATION. U.S. EXPORT REQUESTS ALSO HAVE BEEN DENIED.
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